

## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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PCT/US2004/029236

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER  
IPC 7 B22F3/105 B29C33/10

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## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)  
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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category <sup>a</sup>	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
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1-16,19-43,46-86

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1. claims: 1-16,19-43,46-86

A method for manufacturing a mold with multiple integrated vent conducts by a layered process, with a reduced electronic processing time  
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2. claims: 17,18,44,45

A method for manufacturing a mold with integrated vents allowing an easy removal of the molded part and reducing the risk of vent blockage  
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